

# **Appendix A**

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## **Notices and NOP/NOI Comment Letters**



# **Appendix A.1**

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Notice of Preparation, Notice of Intent







**Notice of Preparation**  
**For a Supplemental Environmental Impact**  
**Report / Environmental Impact Statement for the**  
**Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project**  
**Proposed by Southern California Edison**  
**SCH No. 2007081156**



## **A. Introduction**

On June 29, 2007, Southern California Edison (SCE) submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) application A.07-06-031 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the construction and operation of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP or Project). The CPUC granted a CPCN on December 24, 2009 (Decision 09-12-044). The Forest Service issued a Record of Decision (ROD) approving the Special Use authorization for the Project on October 4, 2010.

Since that time, SCE has completed final engineering on portions of the Approved Project, started construction, and is currently undergoing consultation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the new transmission structures to be installed as part of the Approved Project, as required by Mitigation Measure L-2b (Aircraft flight path and safety provisions and consultations). While Mitigation Measure L-2b required consultation with the FAA, the scope of the recommendations was not known prior to completion of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and was not fully analyzed. Therefore, on October 17, 2011, SCE filed a Petition for Modification of Decision 09-12-044 to address implementation of the FAA recommendations, including installation of marker balls on certain transmission line spans, installation of aviation lights on certain transmission structures, and engineering refinements to structures within Segment 8 between Chino Substation and Mira Loma Substation. (Note: The CPUC has issued a construction stay for Segment 8A within the City of Chino Hills [Decision 11-11-020, as modified by Decision 12-03-050], which, per the July 12, 2012 ruling of the Assigned Commissioner, will continue until the CPUC makes a final determination on undergrounding options; Segment 8A undergrounding options are not the subject of this Notice of Preparation.) The CPUC and Forest Service have determined that preparation of a Supplemental EIR/EIS (SEIR/SEIS) is needed to address the Project changes associated with the FAA's recommendations.

This Notice of Preparation (NOP) is being sent to interested agencies and members of the public. The purpose of the NOP is to inform recipients that the CPUC is beginning preparation of a SEIR/SEIS and to solicit information that will be helpful in the environmental review process.

This notice includes a description of the modifications that SCE proposes to construct in response to FAA's recommendations, a summary of potential impacts, and information on how to provide input on the issues to be examined in the SEIR/SEIS.

## **B. Proposed Modifications to the Approved Project**

The Project, as approved by the CPUC and Forest Service prior to the construction stay in Segment 8A, includes the installation of new and upgraded transmission infrastructure along approximately 173 miles of new and existing right-of-way (ROW) in southern Kern County, portions of Los Angeles County, including the Angeles National Forest, and the southwestern portion of San Bernardino County, California, as shown in Figure 1. For descriptive purposes, the Project is separated into eight distinct segments, referred to as Segments 4 through 11. Segments 4 through 8, as well as Segments 10 and 11 of

the Project are transmission facilities, while Segment 9 addresses the addition and upgrade of substation facilities.

Upon completion of final engineering for various portions of the Approved Project, SCE identified the structures and catenaries (wire spans) that met the FAA reporting thresholds and submitted Form 7460-1 for each, as required by Mitigation Measure L-2b (Aircraft flight path and safety provisions and consultations). In response, the FAA issued determinations recommending the installation of marker balls on certain transmission line spans and aviation lights on certain transmission structures. While not all determinations from the FAA have been completed, SCE has estimated based on the initial FAA determinations (as of June 12, 2012) and based on transmission structure and span characteristics, that approximately 276 transmission line spans would require the installation of marker balls and approximately 90 transmission structures require aviation lights. These elements would be installed within Segments 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11. (Segment 8A within the City of Chino Hills is stayed.) In addition, based on FAA concerns that certain structures near the Chino Airport would interfere with the instrument approach procedure, SCE proposes engineering refinements to lower certain structures in Segment 8 between Chino Substation and Mira Loma Substation.

### C. Potential Environmental Effects

The CPUC and Forest Service intend to prepare a SEIR/SEIS to evaluate potential environmental effects of the proposed modifications to the TRTP, and to propose mitigation measures to reduce any new significant effects identified. The supplement to the Final EIR (October 2009) and Final EIS (September 2010) will contain only the information necessary to document all Project impacts for the proposed modifications (CEQA Guidelines 15163(b)). The CPUC and Forest Service find that for many issues and resources additional impacts are not likely to occur beyond those analyzed in the Final EIR and Final EIS.

For the environmental issues/resources listed below, the proposed modifications would not require additional analysis:

- Agricultural Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Environmental Contamination and Hazards
- Geology, Soils, and Paleontology
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use
- Public Services and Utilities
- Socioeconomics
- Traffic and Transportation
- Wilderness and Recreation
- Wildfire Prevention and Suppression
- Electrical Interference and Hazards

The environmental review in the SEIR/SEIS will focus on the issues/resources listed below, addressing impacts that could occur due to implementation of the FAA's recommendations which were not covered in the Final EIR or Final EIS.

- **Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases (GHG):** The proposed modifications include both ground-based and helicopter construction activities, which would result in additional emissions. An updated analysis will be presented consistent with current CEQA/NEPA requirements and current emissions inventory data.
- **Biological Resources:** The proposed modifications would result in additional disturbance areas and helicopter use, as well as the installation of aviation lights, which would have the potential to result in additional biological resources impacts. Biological studies will be reviewed to evaluate the potential effects of visible lighting on birds as well as terrestrial and aquatic wildlife.

- **Noise:** The additional construction activities proposed, especially helicopter use, would have the potential to result in greater noise levels, as well as potentially effect new sensitive receptors, such as residents living in homes built and occupied since the Final EIR and Final EIS were completed (2009-2010).
- **Visual Resources:** Installation of lights and marker balls, as well as the tower changes in Segment 8, Phase 3, would have the potential to result in new Visual Resources impacts. Visual simulations will be prepared to address the proposed modifications and the visual impacts analyzed.

**Mitigation Measures.** The Final EIR and Final EIS for the TRTP presented numerous proposed measures that were designed to reduce or eliminate potential impacts of the Project. These measures were adopted by the CPUC in its approval of the Project and by the Forest Service in its ROD. The effectiveness of these measures to reduce impacts to specific resources affected by the proposed modifications will be evaluated in the SEIR/SEIS, and additional mitigation measures may be developed to further reduce impacts, if required. When the CPUC and Forest Service consider the Project, as modified by the FAA's recommendations, they will also consider adoption of the mitigation measures identified in the SEIR/SEIS as conditions of Project approval and adoption of a mitigation monitoring plan.

## D. Comments

At this time, the CPUC is soliciting information regarding the scope and content that should be included in the SEIR/SEIS, as well as any suggestions for alternatives to the proposed modifications.

**Please submit comments by October 25, 2012.** You may submit comments by U.S. mail or by electronic mail.

**By Mail:** Please use first-class U.S. mail and be sure to include your name and a return address. Please send written comments on the scope and content of the SEIR/SEIS to:

John Boccio, Project Manager  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Aspen Environmental Group  
5020 Chesebro Road, Suite 200  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

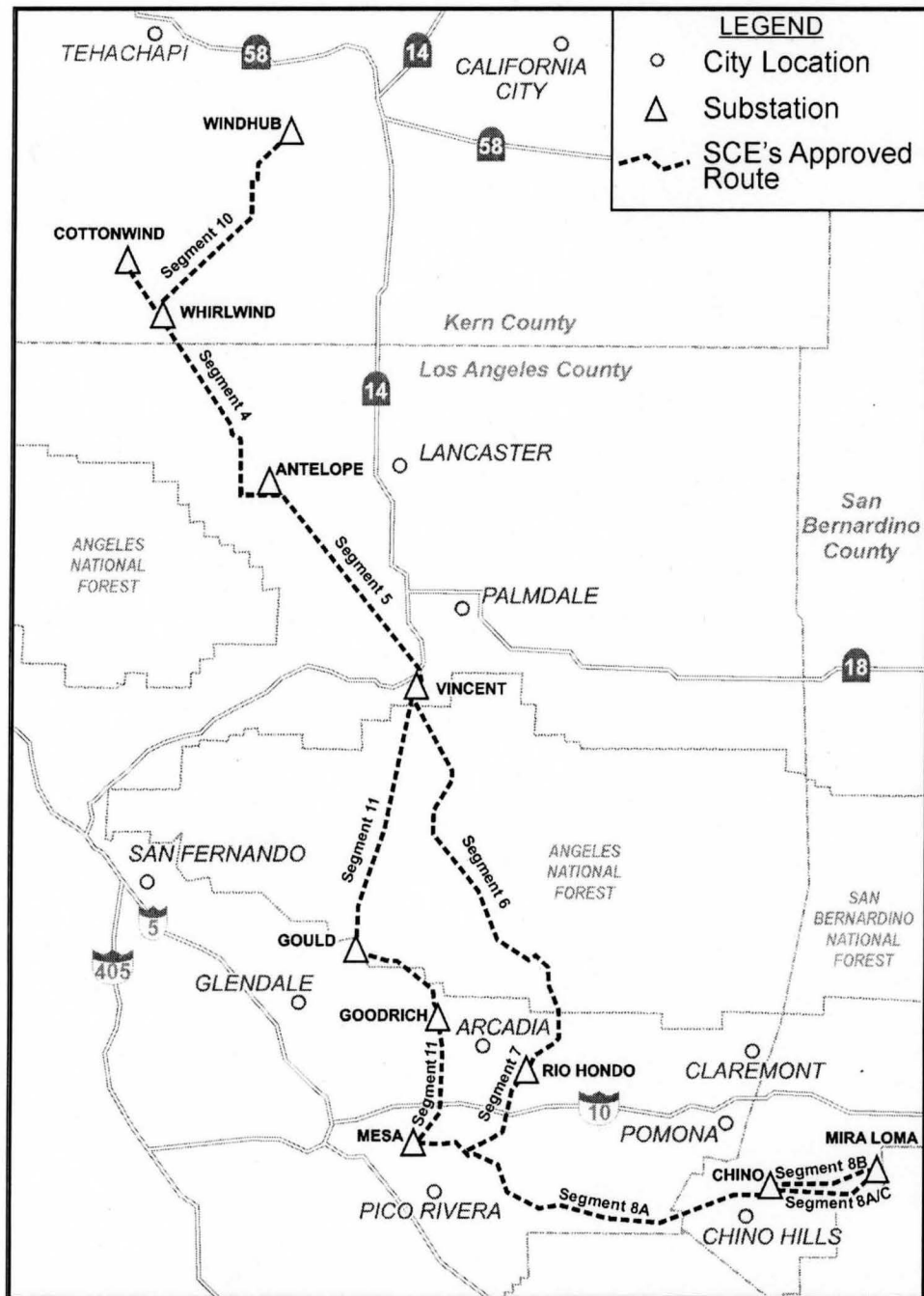
**By Electronic Mail:** E-mail communications are also accepted; however, please remember to include your name and return mailing address in the e-mail message.

**E-mail:** [trtpsuppeir-eis@aspeneg.com](mailto:trtpsuppeir-eis@aspeneg.com).

## E. Project Information

Information about the TRTP and the environmental review process will be posted on the internet at: [ftp://ftp.cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/enviro/tehachapi\\_renewables/TRTP.htm](ftp://ftp.cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/enviro/tehachapi_renewables/TRTP.htm). This site will be used to post all public documents during the supplemental environmental review process. In addition, a copy of the Final EIR and Final EIS for TRTP may be found at this site.

FIGURE 1. Map of Approved TRTP Project Route







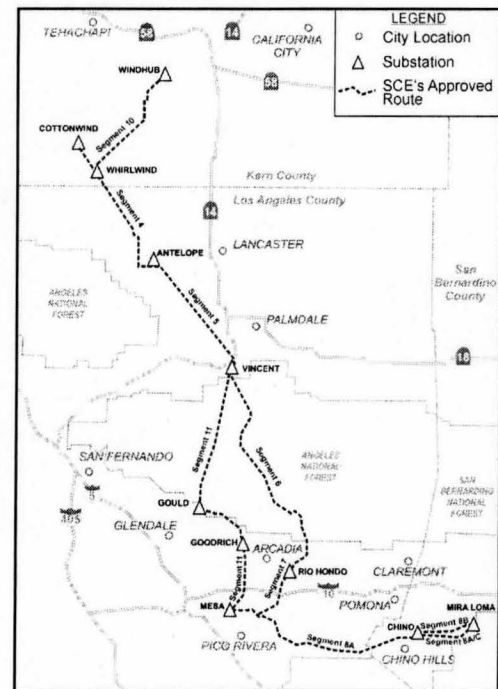
# Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

## Notice of Preparation for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement



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For more information about the Project, visit the Project website at: [ftp://ftp.cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/envIRON/tehachapi\\_renewables/TRTP.htm](ftp://ftp.cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/envIRON/tehachapi_renewables/TRTP.htm). If you have questions regarding the Project or if you would like to be added to the Project mailing list, you may e-mail us at: [trtpsuppeir-eis@aspeneg.com](mailto:trtpsuppeir-eis@aspeneg.com).



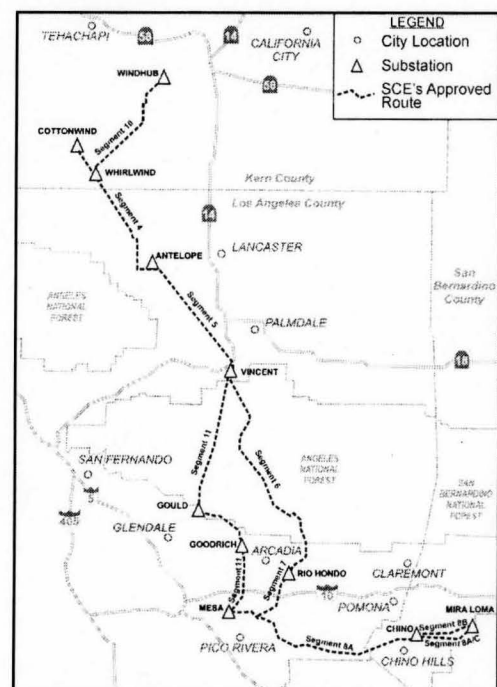
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## Appendix A.2

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### Federal Register and Local Newspaper Advertisements

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Newspaper Advertisements:

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### Woodland Treatments (202 Acres)

The woodland treatments would cut all loblolly pine, Virginia pine, white pine, maples, yellow-poplar, and other species would be cut as needed to reduce competition. All pitch pine and Table mountain pine would be retained unless removal is necessary for safety or for equipment operability reasons. The treatment would include thinning oaks, hickories, and shortleaf pine to a basal area (BA) of 30–40 ft<sup>2</sup>/acre. All oak, hickory, and shortleaf pine would be left where (BA) is currently less than 30–40 ft<sup>2</sup>/acre. Three of these stands would be managed to benefit smooth coneflower.

After initial treatments are completed, the areas would be prescribe-burned on a periodic basis, every 1–5 years (prescribed burning is covered under existing NEPA Decisions). Herbicide, manual and mechanical methods would be applied to sprouts/seedlings within 1–2 years after the initial post-harvest prescribed burn to reduce competition. These methods would be applied up to two more times after the initial treatment if needed to reduce competition. For woodlands management, the type of herbicide, method of application, and timing of application would be the same as that proposed for site preparation and release treatments.

Manual and mechanical methods including but not limited to hand tools (chainsaws, brush saws), and/or heavy equipment (tractor with mower, gyro-track) would be used to control sprouts and seedlings of tree species to maintain the woodland condition. Mechanical treatments would grind up or masticate undesirable understory vegetation.

### Connected Actions

The following activities would be conducted in connection with vegetation management activities.

- **System Road Construction:** Twelve (12) system roads would be built providing access to 20 loblolly timber stands. These new roads are needed to provide access during timber harvest and to provide for long term resource management. These roads are designed by Forest Service engineers to specific standards that include designing drainage structures such as culvert installations, inside slope ditching, road crown specifications, widened turn-around, gates, and signage. Total specified system road construction is estimated at 6.5 miles but would vary once actual design is completed. Information on roads is contained in the road analysis.

- **Road Reconstruction and Maintenance:** System road

reconstruction and maintenance would be needed on approximately 60 miles of roads. Reconstruction work would consist of but not be limited to graveling road surfaces, replacing culverts—including replacements for aquatic organism passage, ditch cleaning, removing brush and trees along road rights-of-way, installing, repairing or replacing gates and correcting road safety hazards. Road maintenance would consist of spot gravel replacement, blading, cleaning culverts, brushing and mowing.

- **Temporary Roads:** Log landings that have no access to existing roads would be accessed by a temporary road that connects to the forest transportation system. Temporary roads are low-standard roads generally under 10 percent grade and road widths less than 14 feet. Approximately 21.7 miles of temporary roads are needed for access. Most temporary roads would be in the form of utilizing existing undesignated “woods” roads that already exist in the forest, that are in suitable locations, and for the most part have stabilized cut and fill slopes that would not be disturbed. Upon completion of treatments, temporary roads would be closed, obliterated and adequate erosion and storm water control measures completed and replanted with vegetation.

- **Skid Trails:** Skid trails would be used to skid logs to log landings. They would be closed after use with adequate storm water and erosion control measures.

- **Log Landings:** Log landings are locations where logs are piled and then loaded onto trucks. Existing landings sites would be used as practicable to limit soil effects (compaction). They would be closed after use with adequate storm water and erosion control measures.

### Possible Alternatives

The Proposed Action and another action alternative are proposed for achieving the stated purpose and need, as well as a No-Action Alternative. The other action alternatives was developed to respond to issues raised by the public during scoping.

### Responsible Official

The Andrews Pickens District Ranger, Sumter national Forest is the responsible official for this project.

### Nature of Decision To Be Made

The District Ranger will decide whether or not to implement the action as proposed or an alternative way to achieve the desired outcome.

### Scoping Process

The scoping process for this project occurred when the original NOI was published in 2010. Issues identified during the scoping period were used to determine the alternatives considered and to frame the effects analysis. This proposal has been listed in the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests Schedule of Proposed Actions since 2010.

Dated: September 17, 2012.

**Mike Crane,**

*District Ranger.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Joint Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service, together with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), will prepare a joint Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to assess the effects of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recommendations on National Forest System lands for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). The CPUC granted Southern California Edison (SCE) approval to build TRTP in Decision 09–12–044 on non-federal lands, and the Forest Service approved SCE to implement the TRTP on National Forest System lands in a 2010 Record of Decision (ROD). The decision required SCE to consult with the FAA for aviation safety. The FAA recommended installing marker balls on certain transmission line spans and aviation lighting on certain transmission structures. These recommendations will be analyzed in the joint Supplemental EIS/EIR.

Following the public review period for the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR the Forest Service and CPUC will issue a Final Supplemental EIS/EIR. The Forest Service will issue a ROD to document the decision to either approve or deny the changes to SCE's project. As the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Lead Agency for the project, the Forest Service will conduct a detailed review of the effects of the FAA recommendations on National Forest

System lands. Within the Angeles National Forest it is estimated that approximately 649 marker balls on 119 spans and 4 structures with aviation lights would impact Segments 6 and 11 to implement the FAA's recommendations. Two of the 4 structures recommended for aviation lights are on private lands within the Angeles National Forest, and are not subject to Forest Service jurisdiction or control.

The Forest Service is providing notice of this analysis so that interested and affected individuals are aware of how they may participate and contribute towards the final decision on the TRTP by the Forest Service. **Note:** Segment 8A undergrounding options are not the subject of this Notice of Intent.

**DATES:** The Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR is expected to be published in January 2013. A 45-day comment period will occur following publication of the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** To request a copy of the Draft Supplemental EIS/SEIR or Final Supplemental EIS/EIR when it is available, or to obtain further information about the project, please write to the Angeles National Forest, c/o Aspen Environmental Group, 5020 Chesebro Road, Suite 200, Agoura Hills, CA 91301. Alternately, electronic comments may be sent to [trtpsappeir-eis@aspeneg.com](mailto:trtpsappeir-eis@aspeneg.com). Electronic comments must be submitted as part of the actual email message, or as an attachment in plain text (.txt), Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf). Information about the Supplemental EIS/EIR and the environmental review process will be posted on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/projects/>. This site will be used to post links to all public documents during the Supplemental EIS/EIR process.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lorraine Gerchas, Special Uses Coordinator, Forest Service, Angeles National Forest, 701 N. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006, phone: (626) 574-5281. For additional information related to the project on non-National Forest System lands, contact Mary Jo Borak, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102; phone: (415) 703-1333. All project-related documents are available on the Project Web site: [ftp://ftp.cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/enviro/tehachapi\\_renewables/TRTP.htm](http://ftp.cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/enviro/tehachapi_renewables/TRTP.htm).

**Responsible Official:** The responsible official is Thomas Contreras, Forest Supervisor, Angeles National Forest,

701 North Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, California 91006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Lead Agencies: The Forest Service is the Federal Lead Agency in accordance with 40 CFR 1501(b), and is responsible for the preparation of the Supplemental Draft EIS/EIR and Supplemental Final EIS/EIR.

**Comments:** Under NEPA regulations scoping is not required for supplements. As such, no NEPA scoping effort will occur as part of the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR preparation process. No public scoping meetings will be held.

The Forest Service is not accepting public comment at this time, but the agency may be contacted with any questions, or requests for documents. The Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR will be made available for public comment. The comment period on the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR is 45-days from the date the US Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

In the Final Supplemental EIS/EIR the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR. The Forest Service is the NEPA Lead Agency and the responsible official is the Forest Supervisor, Angeles National Forest. The responsible official will decide whether and how to issue Special Use authorization for the modifications to the project or alternatives. The responsible official will also decide how to mitigate impacts of these actions and will determine when and how monitoring of effects will take place.

The TRTP Supplemental EIS/EIR decision and the reasons for the decision will be documented in the ROD. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (35 CFR part 215).

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 22.

Dated: September 18, 2012.

**Thomas A. Contreras,**  
Forest Supervisor.

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**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the adoption of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed participation of South Mississippi Electric Power Association (SMEPA) in Plant Ratcliffe, an Integrated Gasification Combined-Cycle Facility located in Kemper County, Mississippi (the Project). The Acting Administrator of RUS has signed the ROD, which is effective on the publication of this notice. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The purpose of the EIS was to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Project so that the DOE could assess potential cost-shared financing under the Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) and issuance of a loan guarantee under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct05), and the USACE could consider potential issuance of permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The DOE/USACE Final EIS was issued in May 2010, and DOE issued their Record of Decision (ROD) in August 2010. RUS is considering providing a \$480 million loan guarantee to SMEPA that would provide for the acquisition of a 15% undivided ownership interest in the Project. RUS adopted the Final EIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (U.S.C. 4231 *et seq.*), and in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794). RUS determined that the actions covered by the DOE/USACE Final EIS and RUS's proposed action were substantially the same, given that no new infrastructure would be required for SMEPA's participation (40 CFR 1506.3(b)). RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the DOE/USACE Final EIS, the associated Mitigation Action Plan (MAP) and Record of Decision (ROD), determined the documentation met the standards of an adequate statement (40 CFR 1506.3(a)), and adopted the documentation (Subpart H, 7 CFR Part 1794).

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain copies of the ROD, or for further information, please contact Ms. Emily Orlor, Environmental Protection Specialist, at USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

**South Mississippi Electric Cooperative: Plant Ratcliffe, Kemper County Integrated Gasification Combined-Cycle (IGCC) Project**

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

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# Acton Agua Dulce Weekly News

## September 24, 2012



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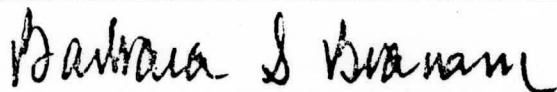
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BY:.....

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**September 29, 2012**

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Dated at Los Angeles, California, this

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Signature

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Witness my hand and seal at Woodland Hills,

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Signature

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Executed at Ontario, San Bernardino Co. California  
this 25 day of September, 2012.

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## DECLARATION

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On the following dates:

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Signature

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추가 환경 영향 보고서/환경 영향 진술서 (SCH No. 2007081156)

캘리포니아 공익재 사업 위원회(California Public Utilities Commission, 이하 CPUC)와 USDA 산림청(Forest Service)은 남부 캘리포니아 에디슨사(SCE)가 제의한 테하차피 재생가능한 트랜스미션 프로젝트(Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, 이하 TRTP)를 위한 추가 환경 영향 보고서/환경 영향 진술서(SEIR/SEIS)를 준비 중에 있습니다. 캘리포니아 환경품질법(California Environmental Quality Act)에 따른 주 기관인 CPUC 및 국립환경정책법에 따른 연방 기관인 산림청은 CPUC와 산림청이 SEIR/SEIS 준비를 시작했다는 것을 알고자 이 준비 공고를 내었습니다.

배경: 2007년 6월 29일, SCE는 TRTP 프로젝트의 건설 및 운영에 대한 공공 편의 및 필요 허가(Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity)에 대한 A.07-06-031 신청서를 CPUC에 제출하였습니다. TRTP는 Kern (Kern) 카운티 동부의 새로운 동력 에너지 프로젝트를 전력 그라드에 통합하기 위해 Kern 카운티 남부와 앤젤레스 국립 삼림 지구(Angel's National Forest)를 포함하는 로스앤젤레스(Los Angeles) 카운티 일부 및 샌버나디노(San Bernardino) 카운티의 남서부 지역 일부를 약 173마일에 해당하는 신규 및 기존 공로 용지를 따라 신규 및 업그레이드된 트랜스미션의 제반시설을 포함합니다. 이 프로젝트의 주요 부분은 (구간 4에서 구간 11까지) 8개의 독립된 구간으로 나뉘어집니다. CPUC는 2009년 12월 24일에 CPCN을 허가하였습니다 (Decision 09-12-044). 산림청은 2010년 10월 4일에 이 프로젝트에 대한 특별 이용 허가를 승인하는 결정 기록(ROD)을 공표하였습니다.

결정 기록 공표 후, SCE는 프로젝트 구간의 최종 엔지니어링을 완료하고 건설을 시작하였으며 완화 조치 L-2b(항공기 비행 경로 및 안전 규정 및 협의)에서 요구하는 신규 트랜스미션 구조에 대해 미연방항공국(Federal Aviation Administration)과 협의하고 있습니다. 완화 조치 L-2b에서는 FAA의 자문을 필수로 하고 있지만 최종 EIR 또는 최종 EIS 전에 권고사항의 범위에 대해 알 수 없으며 범위를 충분히 분석할 수도 없습니다. 따라서 2011년 10월 17일, SCE는 FAA의 권고사항을 이행하기 위해 09-12-044 결정에 대한 수정을 청원하였습니다. FAA의 모든 결정이 완료되지는 않았지만 SCE는 초기 FAA 결정(2012년 6월 12일 현재)과 트랜스미션 구조 및 약 276 트랜스미션 라인 범위에 마커 볼의 설치에 필요할 수 있으며 약 90개의 트랜스미션 구조에서 항공 동행이 필요하다는 통계를 기초로 평가하였습니다. 이러한 부분은 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 및 11구간에 설치될 것입니다. (주: CPUC는 8A 구간에 있는 치노 힐시(City of Chino Hills) 내에 있는 지상 트랜스미션 라인의 건설을 유지하고 있습니다. 8A 구간의 지하 옵션은 이 준비 공고의 대상이 아닙니다.) 뿐만 아니라 치노 공항 근처의 일부 구조가 계기 접근 절차에 대한 간섭을 일으킬 수 있다는 FAA의 의견에 따라 SCE는 치노(Chino) 변전소와 미라 노마(Mira Loma) 변전소 사이의 8구간에 있는 일부 구조를 낮추기 위해 엔지니어링 개선 작업을 제안하였습니다. CPUC 및 산림청은 SEIR/SEIS 준비에서 FAA의 권고사항과 관련된 프로젝트의 변경사항을 해결해야 한다고 결정하였습니다.

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### Notificación de Preparación de un Informe de Impacto Ambiental Complementario y una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental Complementaria para el Proyecto de Transmisión de Energía Renovable Tehachapi Propuesto por Southern California Edison (SCH No. 2007081156)

La Comisión de Empresas de Servicios Públicos de California (CPUC, por sus siglas en inglés) y el Servicio Forestal del Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos (Servicio Forestal) están preparando un Informe de Impacto Ambiental Complementario (SEIR, por sus siglas en inglés) y una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental Complementaria (SEIS, por sus siglas en inglés) para el Proyecto de Transmisión de Energía Renovable Tehachapi (TRTP, por sus siglas en inglés) propuesto por Southern California Edison (SCE). Esta Notificación de Preparación (NOP, por sus siglas en inglés) de la CPUC (como agencia estatal principal en virtud de la Ley de Calidad Ambiental de California) y el Servicio Forestal (como agencia federal principal en virtud de la Ley de Política Ambiental Nacional) es para informar al público que la CPUC y el Servicio Forestal han comenzado a preparar un SEIR y una SEIS.

**Antecedentes:** El 29 de junio de 2007, SCE presentó ante la CPUC la solicitud A.07-06-031 para un Certificado de Conveniencia y Necesidad Pública (CPCN, por sus siglas en inglés) destinado a la construcción y operación del proyecto TRTP (Proyecto). El TRTP incluye infraestructura de transmisión nueva y mejorada a lo largo de aproximadamente 173 millas de derechos de vía nuevos existentes en el sur del Condado de Kern, partes del Condado de Los Angeles, incluyendo el Bosque Nacional de Los Angeles (Los Angeles National Forest) y la parte sudoeste del Condado de Santa Bernardino, California, para interconectar nuevos proyectos de energía eólica del este del Condado de Kern a la red eléctrica. Los principales componentes del Proyecto se han separado en ocho tramos (Tramos 4 a 11). La CPUC otorgó un CPCN el 24 de diciembre de 2009 (Decisión 09-12-044). El 4 de octubre de 2010, el Servicio Forestal emitió un Registro de Decisión (ROD, por sus siglas en inglés) que otorga una autorización de Uso Especial para el Proyecto.

Desde entonces, SCE ha completado las etapas finales de ingeniería del Proyecto, comenzó la construcción y está en consulta con la Administración Federal de Aviación (FAA, por sus siglas en inglés) sobre las nuevas estructuras de transmisión que se instalarán como parte del Proyecto, según requiere la Medida de Atenuación L-2b (consultas y disposiciones de seguridad para las trayectorias de vuelo de aeronaves). Si bien la Medida de Atenuación L-2b requería que se consultara a la FAA, no se conocía el alcance de las recomendaciones de la FAA antes del EIR o de la EIS finales, por lo que no se analizaron todas las recomendaciones. Por lo tanto, el 17 de octubre de 2011, SCE presentó la Petición de Modificación de Decisión 09-12-044 para abordar la implementación de las recomendaciones de la FAA. Si bien no se han implementado todas las determinaciones de la FAA, SCE estima que, según las determinaciones iniciales de la FAA (al 12 de junio de 2012) y en función de las estructuras de transmisión y las características de trazado, el trazado de aproximadamente 276 líneas de transmisión requerirá la instalación de esferas de balizaje y que aproximadamente 90 estructuras de transmisión requerirán iluminación de seguridad aérea. Estos elementos se instalarán en los Tramos 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 y 11 (Nota: La CPUC ha suspendido temporalmente la construcción de la línea de transmisión aérea dentro de la Ciudad de Chino Hills en el Tramo 8A; las opciones de tendido subterráneo para el Tramo 8A no se analizan en esta NOP). Asimismo, debido a que la FAA considera que ciertas estructuras cercanas al Aeropuerto de Chino podrían interferir con el procedimiento de acercamiento mediante instrumentos, SCE propone modificaciones de ingeniería para reducir la altura de ciertas estructuras en el Segmento 8, entre las Subestaciones Chino y Mira Loma. La CPUC y el Servicio Forestal consideran que es necesario preparar un SEIR y una SEIS para abordar los cambios del Proyecto relacionados con las recomendaciones de la FAA.

#### Posibles Efectos Ambientales

La revisión ambiental del SEIR y de la SEIS se centrará en los siguientes temas/recursos a fin de analizar el posible impacto de la implementación de las recomendaciones de la FAA: calidad del aire y gases de efecto invernadero, recursos biológicos, ruido y recursos visuales.

**Información del Proyecto:** La información sobre el proceso de revisión ambiental del Proyecto, documentos del Proyecto y la información de contacto/correo están disponibles en:

[ftp://ftp.cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/enviro/tehachapi\\_renewables/TRTP.htm](http://ftp.cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/enviro/tehachapi_renewables/TRTP.htm)

Si tiene preguntas sobre el Proyecto o si desea ser parte de la lista de correos electrónicos del Proyecto, envíe un mensaje de correo electrónico a: [trtpsuppeir-eis@aspeng.com](mailto:trtpsuppeir-eis@aspeng.com).

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Since that time, SCE has completed final engineering on portions of the Project, started construction, and is undergoing consultation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the new transmission structures to be installed as part of the Project, as required by Mitigation Measure L-2b (Aircraft flight path and safety provisions and consultations). While Mitigation Measure L-2b required consultation with the FAA, the scope of the recommendations was not known prior to completion of the Final EIR or Final EIS and was not fully analyzed. Therefore, on October 17, 2011, SCE filed a Petition for Modification of Decision 09-12-044 to address implementation of the FAA's recommendations. While not all determinations from the FAA have been completed, SCE has estimated based on the initial FAA determinations (as of June 12, 2012) an based on transmission structure and span characteristics, that approximately 276 transmission line span would require the installation of marker balls and approximately 90 transmission structures require aviation lights. These elements would be installed within Segments 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11 (Note: The CPUC has stayed construction of the overhead transmission line within the City of Chino Hills in Segment 8A; Segment 8A undergrounding options are not the subject of this NOP). In addition, based on FAA concerns that certain structures near the Chino Airport would interfere with the instrument approach procedure, SCE proposes engineering refinements to lower certain structures in Segment 8 between Chino Substation and Mira Loma Substation. The CPUC and Forest Service have determined that preparation of a SEIR/SEIS is needed to address the Project changes associated with the FAA's recommendations.

**Potential Environmental Effects**

The environmental review in the SEIR/SEIS will focus on the following issues/resources, addressing impact that could occur due to implementation of the FAA's recommendations: Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases; Biological Resources, Noise, and Visual Resources.

**Project Information:** Information regarding the Project's environmental review process, Project document and contact/mailling information can be found at:

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**San Gabriel Valley Tribune  
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**Notice of Preparation**  
**For a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR/SEIS) and Impact Statement for the Tehachan Renewable Transmission Project**  
**Prepared by Southern California Edison (SCE) No. 237781156**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) are preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (SEIR/SEIS) for the Tehachan Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). The CPUC (as the State lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act) and Forest Service (as the federal lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act) are providing this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to inform the public that the CPUC and Forest Service are preparing a SEIR/SEIS.

**Background:** On June 28, 2007, SCE submitted to the CPUC application A07-06-031 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the construction and operation of the TRTP (Project). The TRTP includes new and upgraded transmission infrastructure along approximately 173 miles of new and existing right-of-way in southern Kern County, portions of Los Angeles County, including the Angeles National Forest, and the southwestern portion of San Bernardino County, California, to interconnect new wind energy projects in eastern Kern County to the electrical grid. The major components of the Project have been separated into eight distinct segments (Segments 4 through 11). The CPUC granted a CPCN on December 24, 2009 (Decision 09-12-044). The Forest Service issued a Record of Decision (ROD) approving the Special Use Authorization for the Project on October 4, 2010.

Since that time, SCE has completed final engineering on portions of the Project, started construction, and is undergoing consultation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the new transmission structures to be installed as part of the Project, as required by Mitigation Measure L-2b (Airport flight path and safety provisions and consultations). While Mitigation Measure L-2b required consultation with the FAA, the scope of the recommendations was not known prior to completion of the Final EIR or Final EIS and was not fully analyzed. Therefore, on October 17, 2011, SCE filed a Petition for Modification of Decision 09-12-044 to address implementation of the FAA's recommendations. While not all determinations from the FAA have been completed, SCE has estimated based on the initial FAA determinations (as of June 12, 2012) and based on transmission structure and span characteristics, that approximately 276 transmission line spans would require the installation of marker balls and approximately 50 transmission structures require aviation lights. These elements would be installed within Segments 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11. (Note: The CPUC has stayed construction of the overhead transmission line within the City of Chino Hills in Segment 8A; Segment 8A undergrounding options are not the subject of this NOP). In addition, based on FAA concerns that certain structures near the Chino Airport would interfere with the instrument approach procedure, SCE proposes engineering refinements to lower certain structures in Segment 8 between Chino Substation and Mira Loma Substation. The CPUC and Forest Service have determined that preparation of a SEIR/SEIS is needed to address the Project changes associated with the FAA's recommendations.

**Potential Environmental Effects**

The environmental review in the SEIR/SEIS will focus on the following issues/resources, addressing impacts that could occur due to implementation of the FAA's recommendations: Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases, Biological Resources, Noise, and Visual Resources.

**Project Information:** Information regarding the Project's environmental review process, Project documents, and contact/ mailing information can be found at:

[http://cpuc.ca.gov/gopher/data/environ/facchap\\_renewables/TRTP.htm](http://cpuc.ca.gov/gopher/data/environ/facchap_renewables/TRTP.htm)

If you have questions regarding the Project or if you would like to be added to the Project mailing list, you may also e-mail us at: [trpsupport-eis@scpeneig.com](mailto:trpsupport-eis@scpeneig.com).

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**Notice of Preparation**  
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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the United States Forest Service (USFS) are preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report / Supplemental Impact Statement (SEIR/SIS) for Southern California Edison's (SCE) Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). The CPUC is the State lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act and Forest Service is the Federal lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act. The CPUC and Forest Service are preparing a SEIR/SIS for the TRTP project.

Background: On June 28, 2007, SCE submitted to the CPUC a Notice of Preparation for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report / Supplemental Impact Statement (SEIR/SIS) for the TRTP project. The TRTP project is a proposed new and existing transmission line and associated infrastructure along approximately 70 miles of new and existing rights-of-way in southern Kern County, northern Los Angeles County, including the Angeles National Forest, and the southeastern portion of San Bernardino County, California, to interconnect new and existing projects in eastern Kern County to the Southern California Edison (SCE) power and safety projects and infrastructure. While the TRTP project is a new project, it is a continuation of the TRTP project (SCE's TRTP Project No. 11). The CPUC granted a CPON on December 10, 2007 (Decision 08-10-044). The Forest Service issued a Record of Decision (ROD) approving the Special Use authorization for the Project on October 4, 2010.

Since that time, SCE has completed final engineering on the TRTP project, started construction, and is undergoing consultation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the new transmission structures to be installed as part of the Project, as required by Mitigation Measure 1-20 (Forest 8) and safety projects and infrastructure. While the TRTP project is a new project, it is a continuation of the TRTP project (SCE's TRTP Project No. 11). The CPUC granted a CPON on December 10, 2007 (Decision 08-10-044). The Forest Service issued a Record of Decision (ROD) approving the Special Use authorization for the Project on October 4, 2010.

Potential Environmental Effects

The environmental review in the SEIR/SIS will focus on the following issues/resources: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Noise, and Visual Resources.

Project Information: Information regarding the Project's environmental review process, project documents, and contact information can be found at: <http://cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/environ/tehschap1/renewable/TRTP.htm>

If you have questions regarding the Project or if you would like to be added to the Project mailing list, you may also e-mail us at: [trtpupdate@scs.sce.com](mailto:trtpupdate@scs.sce.com).

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**Notice of Preparation**  
**For a Supplemental Environmental Impact**  
**Report / Environmental Impact Statement**  
**for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project**  
**Proposed by Southern California Edison (SCH No. 2007081156)**



The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the USDA Forest Service (Forest Service) are preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (SEIR/SEIS) for Southern California Edison's (SCE) Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). The CPUC (as the State lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act) and Forest Service (as the federal lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act) are providing this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to inform the public that the CPUC and Forest Service are beginning preparation of a SEIR/SEIS.

**Background:** On June 29, 2007, SCE submitted to the CPUC application A.07-06-031 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the construction and operation of the TRTP (Project). The TRTP includes new and upgraded transmission infrastructure along approximately 173 miles of new and existing rights-of-way in southern Kern County, portions of Los Angeles County, including the Angeles National Forest, and the southwestern portion of San Bernardino County, California, to interconnect new wind energy projects in eastern Kern County to the electrical grid. The major components of the Project have been separated into eight distinct segments (Segments 4 through 11). The CPUC granted a CPCN on December 24, 2009 (Decision 09-12-044). The Forest Service issued a Record of Decision (ROD) approving the Special Use authorization for the Project on October 4, 2010.

Since that time, SCE has completed final engineering on portions of the Project, started construction, and is undergoing consultation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the new transmission structures to be installed as part of the Project, as required by Mitigation Measure L-2b (Aircraft flight path and safety provisions and consultations). While Mitigation Measure L-2b required consultation with the FAA, the scope of the recommendations was not known prior to completion of the Final EIR or Final EIS and was not fully analyzed. Therefore, on October 17, 2011, SCE filed a Petition for Modification of Decision 09-12-044 to address implementation of the FAA's recommendations. While not all determinations from the FAA have been completed, SCE has estimated based on the initial FAA determinations (as of June 12, 2012) and based on transmission structure and span characteristics, that approximately 276 transmission line spans would require the installation of marker balls and approximately 90 transmission structures require aviation lights. These elements would be installed within Segments 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11 (Note: The CPUC has stayed construction of the overhead transmission line within the City of Chino Hills in Segment 8A; Segment 8A undergrounding options are not the subject of this NOP). In addition, based on FAA concerns that certain structures near the Chino Airport would interfere with the instrument approach procedure, SCE proposes engineering refinements to lower certain structures in Segment 8 between Chino Substation and Mira Loma Substation. The CPUC and Forest Service have determined that preparation of a SEIR/SEIS is needed to address the Project changes associated with the FAA's recommendations.

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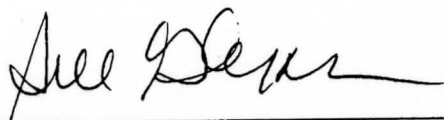
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I am a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the county aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of WHITTIER DAILY NEWS, a newspaper of general circulation which has been adjudicated as a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, on the date of October 10, 1960, Case Number 369393. The notice, of which the annexed is a true printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

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### Notice of Preparation For a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Proposed by Southern California Edison (SCH No. 2007081156)

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the USDA Forest Service (Forest Service) are preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (SEIR/SEIS) for Southern California Edison's (SCE) Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). The CPUC (as the State lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act) and Forest Service (as the federal lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act) are providing this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to inform the public that the CPUC and Forest Service are beginning preparation of a SEIR/SEIS.

**Background:** On June 29, 2007, SCE submitted to the CPUC application A.07-06-031 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the construction and operation of the TRTP (Project). The TRTP includes new and upgraded transmission infrastructure along approximately 173 miles of new and existing rights-of-way in southern Kern County, portions of Los Angeles County, including the Angeles National Forest, and the southwestern portion of San Bernardino County, California, to interconnect new wind energy projects in eastern Kern County to the electrical grid. The major components of the Project have been separated into eight distinct segments (Segments 4 through 11). The CPUC granted a CPCN on December 24, 2009 (Decision 09-12-044). The Forest Service issued a Record of Decision (ROD) approving the Special Use authorization for the Project on October 4, 2010.

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#### Potential Environmental Effects

The environmental review in the SEIR/SEIS will focus on the following issues/resources, addressing impacts that could occur due to implementation of the FAA's recommendations: Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases, Biological Resources, Noise, and Visual Resources.

**Project Information:** Information regarding the Project's environmental review process, Project documents, and contact/mailling information can be found at:

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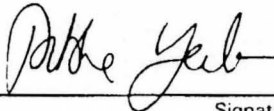
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環評調查報告撰擬通知

有關南加州愛迪生公司提案之提哈查匹可再生能源輸送計畫之補充環境影響報告 / 環境影響說明書  
(SCH 第 2007081156 號)

加州公共事業委員會 (CPUC 委員會) 和美國農業部林務署 (林務署) 正在為南加州愛迪生公司 (SCE) 的提哈查匹可再生能源輸送計畫 (TRTP 計畫) 撰擬補充環境影響報告 / 環境影響說明書 (SEIR/SEIS)。CPUC 委員會 (按加州環境品質法案規定的州級主管機關) 和林務署 (按國家環境政策法案規定的聯邦主管機關) 謹提供本環評調查報告撰擬通知 (撰擬通知)，告知民眾 CPUC 委員會和林務署已開始撰擬 SEIR/SEIS 報告。

背景：2007 年 6 月 29 日，SCE 公司向 CPUC 委員會提出編號 A.07-06-031 公共設施需求證明 (CPCN) 申請案，以興建及營運 TRTP 計畫 (本案計畫)。TRTP 計畫為新建與升級的電力輸送基礎建設工程，範圍涵蓋肯恩郡南區沿長約 173 英里的新增和既有路段，包括天使國家森林在內的洛杉磯郡局部區域，以及加州聖貝納迪諾郡西南部區域；此舉讓肯恩郡東區新開發的風力發電計畫能與電網相互連結。本案計畫的主要構成部分已分割為八個不同區間 (第 4 至 11 區)。CPUC 委員會已於 2009 年 12 月 24 日核發 CPCN 證明 (第 09-12-044 號決定)。林務署已於 2010 年 10 月 4 日核發決定紀錄 (ROD)，核准本案計畫之特別使用授權。

之後，SCE 公司已完成本案計畫部分的確定工程規劃，開始興建工程，並根據減緩措施 L-2b 規定目前正與聯邦航空總署 (FAA) 針對本案計畫中將要裝設的新電塔進行協商 (飛機航道與安全規定和協商)。儘管減緩措施 L-2b 規定應與 FAA 協商，但在最終版環境影響報告 (EIR) 或最終版環境影響說明書 (EIS) 完成前無法知悉建議範圍，且未做成完整分析。因此，2011 年 10 月 17 日時，SCE 公司提出第 09-12-044 號決定修訂聲請，以處理執行 FAA 建議之事宜。雖然 FAA 尚未做成全部決定，但 SCE 公司已根據 FAA 的初步決定 (2012 年 6 月 12 日) 以及電塔和塔距特性，預估大約有 276 處輸電線路跨距需安裝警航球，而大約有 90 座電塔需要航空警示燈。這些要件將安裝於第 5、6、7、8、10 和 11 區 (註：CPUC 委員會已命令暫停於第 8A 區的奇諾崗市區建造架空輸電線路；第 8A 區地下化選項並非本撰擬通知討論事項)。另外，根據 FAA 有關奇諾機場鄰近地區部分電塔可能會干擾導航進場程序之疑慮，SCE 公司建議執行小部分工程規定修正以降低第 8 區奇諾變電站和米拉洛馬變電站之間部分電塔的高度。CPUC 委員會和林務署已決定必須撰擬 SEIR/SEIS 報告以解決與 FAA 建議相關之本案計畫變更。

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SEIR/SEIS 報告中的環境評估將著重於以下事項 / 資源，以解決可能因為執行 FAA 建議而產生之影響：空氣品質和溫室氣體、生物資源、噪音和景觀資源。

本案計畫資訊：有關本案計畫環境評估流程相關資訊、本案計畫文件和聯絡 / 郵寄資訊，請至以下網站查詢：

[ftp://ftp.cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/enviro/tehachapi\\_renewables/TRTP.htm](http://ftp.cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/enviro/tehachapi_renewables/TRTP.htm)

如果您有關於本案計畫的疑問，或如果您希望加入本案計畫的郵件清單，您也可以寄電子郵件給我們：[trtpsuppeir-eis@aspeneg.com](mailto:trtpsuppeir-eis@aspeneg.com)。

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## **Appendix A.3**

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NOP/NOI Comment Letters







# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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October 11, 2012

John Boccio, Project Manager  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Aspen Environmental Group  
5020 Chesebro Road, Suite 200  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

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## **Notice of Preparation of a CEQA Document for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The SCAQMD's comments are recommendations regarding the analysis of potential air quality impacts from the proposed project that should be included in the draft CEQA document. Please send the SCAQMD a copy of the Draft EIR upon its completion. Note that copies of the Draft EIR that are submitted to the State Clearinghouse are not forwarded to the SCAQMD. Please forward a copy of the Draft EIR directly to SCAQMD at the address in our letterhead. **In addition, please send with the draft EIR all appendices or technical documents related to the air quality and greenhouse gas analyses and electronic versions of all air quality modeling and health risk assessment files. These include original emission calculation spreadsheets and modeling files (not Adobe PDF files). Without all files and supporting air quality documentation, the SCAQMD will be unable to complete its review of the air quality analysis in a timely manner. Any delays in providing all supporting air quality documentation will require additional time for review beyond the end of the comment period.**

### **Air Quality Analysis**

The SCAQMD adopted its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Handbook in 1993 to assist other public agencies with the preparation of air quality analyses. The SCAQMD recommends that the Lead Agency use this Handbook as guidance when preparing its air quality analysis. Copies of the Handbook are available from the SCAQMD's Subscription Services Department by calling (909) 396-3720. The lead agency may wish to consider using land use emissions estimating software such as the recently released CalEEMod. This model is available on the SCAQMD Website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/models.html>.

The Lead Agency should identify any potential adverse air quality impacts that could occur from all phases of the project and all air pollutant sources related to the project. Air quality impacts from both construction (including demolition, if any) and operations should be calculated. Construction-related air quality impacts typically include, but are not limited to, emissions from the use of heavy-duty equipment from grading, earth-loading/unloading, paving, architectural coatings, off-road mobile sources (e.g., heavy-duty construction equipment) and on-road mobile sources (e.g., construction worker vehicle trips, material transport trips). Operation-related air quality impacts may include, but are not limited to, emissions from stationary sources (e.g., boilers), area sources (e.g., solvents and coatings), and vehicular trips (e.g., on- and off-road tailpipe emissions and entrained dust). Air quality impacts from indirect sources, that is, sources that generate or attract vehicular trips should be included in the analysis.

The SCAQMD has developed a methodology for calculating PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions from construction and operational activities and processes. In connection with developing PM<sub>2.5</sub> calculation methodologies, the SCAQMD has also developed both regional and localized significance thresholds. The SCAQMD requests that the lead agency quantify PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions and compare the results to the recommended PM<sub>2.5</sub> significance thresholds. Guidance for calculating PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions and PM<sub>2.5</sub> significance thresholds can be found at the following internet address: [http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/PM2\\_5/PM2\\_5.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/PM2_5/PM2_5.html).



In addition to analyzing regional air quality impacts the SCAQMD recommends calculating localized air quality impacts and comparing the results to localized significance thresholds (LSTs). LST's can be used in addition to the recommended regional significance thresholds as a second indication of air quality impacts when preparing a CEQA document. Therefore, when preparing the air quality analysis for the proposed project, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a localized significance analysis by either using the LSTs developed by the SCAQMD or performing dispersion modeling as necessary. Guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can be found at <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/LST/LST.html>.

In the event that the proposed project generates or attracts vehicular trips, especially heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a mobile source health risk assessment. Guidance for performing a mobile source health risk assessment ("Health Risk Assessment Guidance for Analyzing Cancer Risk from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis") can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: [http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile\\_toxic/mobile\\_toxic.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile_toxic/mobile_toxic.html). An analysis of all toxic air contaminant impacts due to the decommissioning or use of equipment potentially generating such air pollutants should also be included.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

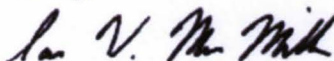
In the event that the project generates significant adverse air quality impacts, CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized during project construction and operation to minimize or eliminate significant adverse air quality impacts. To assist the Lead Agency with identifying possible mitigation measures for the project, please refer to Chapter 11 of the SCAQMD CEQA Air Quality Handbook for sample air quality mitigation measures. Additional mitigation measures can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: [www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM\\_intro.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM_intro.html). Additionally, SCAQMD's Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust, and the Implementation Handbook contain numerous measures for controlling construction-related emissions that should be considered for use as CEQA mitigation if not otherwise required. Other measures to reduce air quality impacts from land use projects can be found in the SCAQMD's Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning. This document can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.aqmd.gov/prdas/aqguide/aqguide.html>. In addition, guidance on siting incompatible land uses can be found in the California Air Resources Board's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Perspective, which can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>. CARB's Land Use Handbook is a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process. Pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15126.4 (a)(1)(D), any impacts resulting from mitigation measures must also be discussed.

#### **Data Sources**

SCAQMD rules and relevant air quality reports and data are available by calling the SCAQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039. Much of the information available through the Public Information Center is also available via the SCAQMD's World Wide Web Homepage (<http://www.aqmd.gov>).

The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to ensure that project-related emissions are accurately identified, categorized, and evaluated. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Ian MacMillan, Program Supervisor, CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3244.

Sincerely,



Ian MacMillan

Program Supervisor, CEQA Inter-Governmental Review  
Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources





# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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DARYL L. OSBY  
FIRE CHIEF  
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

October 22, 2012

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California Public Utilities Commission  
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Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Dear Mr. Boccio:

**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR A  
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT, TEHACHAPI RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION PROJECT, FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW UPGRADED TRANSMISSION  
INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCATED IN KERN, LOS ANGELES AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES  
(FFER #201200135)**

The Supplemental Environmental Impact Report has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, Forestry Division and Health Hazardous Materials Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. The following are their comments:

**PLANNING DIVISION:**

1. We have no comments at this time.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:**

1. The development of this project must comply with all applicable code and ordinance requirements for construction, access, water mains, fire flows and fire hydrants.
2. This property is located within the area described by the Forester and Fire Warden as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). All applicable fire code and ordinance requirements brush clearance and fuel modification plans, must be met.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS  
ARTESIA  
AZUSA  
BALDWIN PARK  
BELL  
BELL GARDENS  
BELLFLOWER  
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3. The proposed development shall comply with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Regulation #27.
4. Construction plans for any proposal of new facilities or upgrade of existing facilities shall be submitted to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department for review and approval prior to building permit issuance. There may be additional life and safety requirements during that time.
5. The County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Land Development Unit appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project. Should any questions arise, please contact Juan Padilla, at (323) 890-4243 or [Juan.Padilla@fire.lacounty.gov](mailto:Juan.Padilla@fire.lacounty.gov).

**FORESTRY DIVISION – OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:**

1. The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed.

**HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:**

1. The Health Hazardous Materials Division has no objection to the proposed project.

**AIR AND WILDLAND DIVISION:**

1. Air Operations has reviewed the Notice of Preparation and is in agreement with the mitigations proposed for identifying and marking transmission lines and towers.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

Very truly yours,



FRANK VIDALES, ACTING CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION  
PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

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GRACE ROBINSON CHAN  
Chief Engineer and General Manager

October 24, 2012

Ref. File No: 2368291

Mr. John Bocci, Project Manager  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Dear Mr. Bocci:

### **Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project**

The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts) received a Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the subject project on September 26, 2012. We offer the following comments:

- The proposed project may impact existing and/or proposed Districts' trunk sewers over which it will be constructed. Existing and proposed Districts' trunk sewers are located directly under and/or cross directly beneath the proposed project alignment. The Districts cannot issue a detailed response to or permit construction of the proposed project until project plans and specifications that incorporate Districts' sewer lines are submitted. In order to prepare these plans, you will need to submit a map of the proposed project alignment, when available, to the attention of Mr. Jon Ganz of the Districts' Sewer Design Section at the address shown above. The Districts will then provide you with the plans for all Districts' facilities that will be impacted by the proposed project. Then, when revised plans that incorporate our sewers have been prepared, please submit copies of the same for our review and comment.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (562) 908-4288, extension 2717.

Very truly yours,

Grace Robinson Chan

Adriana Raza  
Customer Service Specialist  
Facilities Planning Department

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c: J. Ganz



## **Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority**

Endowment Provided by the Puente Hills Landfill

October 22, 2012

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CPUC/USDA Forest Service  
c/o Aspen Environmental Group  
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Re: Comments on Notice of Preparation for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement (SEIR/SEIS) for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Proposed by Southern California Edison (SCE) (SCH No. 2007081156)

Dear Mr. Boccio/Mr. Seastrand:

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) is a joint powers authority established pursuant to California Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.* with a Board of Directors consisting of the City of Whittier, County of Los Angeles, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association. According to our mission, the Habitat Authority is dedicated to the acquisition, restoration, and management of open space in the Puente Hills for preservation of the land in perpetuity, with the primary purpose to protect the biological diversity. Additionally, the agency will endeavor to provide opportunities for outdoor education and low-impact recreation. The Habitat Authority's jurisdiction extends within eastern Los Angeles County approximately from the intersection of the 605 and 60 Freeways in the west to Harbor Boulevard in the east.

The Habitat Authority previously commented on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) / Impact Statement (IS) for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project and appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement (SEIR/SEIS) for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.

The Habitat Authority is a public agency and major land owner and land manager within Segment 8 of the proposed project. The Habitat Authority lands were set aside for preservation and management due to their unique value to local biodiversity and they represent some of the last remaining fragments of natural habitat in the area.





### **The Project**

Based on comments that SCE received from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), SCE was required by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to address project modifications and file a Petition for Modification (PFM) that included adding marker balls and lighting of transmission structures into the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project description. The information contained in the PFM (No. 09-12-044) and the Project Modification Report (PMR; October 2011) indicate that the "proposed Project modifications do not affect the determinations on environmental impacts in the Final EIR or create new significant environmental effects or substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant effects" and therefore, an "addendum is the appropriate mechanism for documenting compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)".

### **Summary of Comments**

A supplemental EIR/EIS with appropriate mitigation would be the proper document to satisfy CEQA requirements rather than an addendum, as suggested, which does not require circulation for public review. Due to the new transmission structures to be installed as part of the Project, based on consultation with the FAA, the Habitat Authority thinks that a more thorough CEQA review needs to be conducted and mitigation proposed, specifically for the installation of marker balls and lighting of transmission structures and their effects on biological resources.

The Habitat Authority's comments are in the attached Detailed Comments exhibit.

Thank you for your consideration, and please include me on the mailing list associated with the proceedings for this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Andrea Gullo, Executive Director, for discussion at (562) 945-9003 or [agullo@habitatauthority.org](mailto:agullo@habitatauthority.org).  
Sincerely,



Bob Henderson  
Chairman

Copy: Board of Directors and Advisory Committee

**Detailed Comments**  
**NOP for a SEIR/SEIS for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project**

Biological Resources

*Installation of marker balls:*

***More information regarding timing and method is required to determine potential temporary impacts to wildlife, especially birds.***

The Habitat Authority agrees with the determination that once installed, the marker balls will not detrimentally impact biological resources. However, more information is needed to determine temporary impacts.

The PMR states that installation of the marker balls and aviation lighting would involve helicopter operation (or spacer cart or crane) and construction workers and support vehicles. Therefore helicopter/cart/crane trips and use of access roads will increase. The PMR does not provide the necessary detailed information on the number of trips that are proposed. However, based on the information provided in Table 2.4-2, it is neither clear how many balls would be installed on transmission lines that occur on Habitat Authority land nor the required length of installation time. In addition, the time of year that this increase in construction traffic (aerial and ground) occurs can alter the amount of impacts to wildlife. For example, avoidance of installation during the breeding season (Feb. 1-Aug. 31), or as early as January 15 when many local raptors begin exhibiting nesting behavior, would avoid impacts to nesting birds.

The specific installation measures need to be identified for each transmission line span and each tower. Then the specific effects of construction can be analyzed. The effect of this additional time near biological resources during construction needs to be evaluated in more detail to see if the impact significance category is altered based on the new transmission structures to be installed. The Habitat Authority requests that, at the least, original Final EIR Impacts B-4, B-5, B-14, B-16, B-18, B-32 and B-40 should be reevaluated since impacts relating to construction of marker balls and operation of aviation lighting could affect wildlife, mainly raptors and other migratory birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Department of Fish and Game Code Section 3503.5 which protects birds of prey and Section 3503 which protects the eggs and nests of all birds. Mitigation measures associated with the impacts may need to be increased based on increased levels of impacts.

*Operation of aviation lighting*

***Significant permanent impacts to birds from proposed lighting is expected, therefore a SEIR with appropriate mitigation is needed.***

The NOP indicates that red flashing and steady burning lights will need to be installed on towers over 200 feet and is also suggested for towers shorter than this as well. A more detailed analysis on the effect of operating transmission structure lighting on bird mortality



needs to be conducted. The Habitat Authority is concerned about bird collisions with the towers as well as with other birds due to the aviation lighting.

Numerous studies have documented the high bird mortality rates associated with towers and wires, with one such study estimating that approximately 130 million birds are killed annually due to transmission line collisions in the United States<sup>1</sup>. The Final EIR states that passerines have a lower potential for collisions than larger birds, such as raptors, and that passerines tend to fly under powerlines. However, during migration, passerines fly at greater heights. In addition, because most passerines migrate at night, they have been found to be highly susceptible to lights placed on tall towers, particularly red and steady-burning lights<sup>2,3</sup>. The birds are attracted to these lights, especially in poor visibility conditions, and become disoriented, causing them to collide with the towers, wires, or other birds. Given that some of the towers proposed within Segment 8 may be taller than 200 feet, these towers would be required to comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) lighting requirements, which may include a combination of red and/or steady burning lights. The PMR states that increased risk of birds colliding with structures would be very low and therefore would not substantially increase the severity of effects or affect the biological resource determinations identified in the Final EIR. However, this impact was not analyzed in the FEIR; only collision with overhead wires was addressed in Final EIR Impact B-21.

Also, given that the Puente Hills are one of the few remaining open space areas in the region, and that it lies at the western end of the Puente-Chino Hills Corridor, this area is a part of the Pacific Flyover and serves as an important migratory stopover point for birds migrating through southern California twice a year. The addition of aviation lighting to towers is likely to result in a permanent increase in annual bird mortality due to collisions, especially for migrating birds and resident/nesting raptors. The PMR impact analysis should have included more detailed information regarding baseline studies of avian mortality from the operation of transmission structure lights. Mitigation should have been proposed for any of these impacts to birds from collisions due to aviation lighting. Implementation of Applicant Proposed Measures BIO-9 from the Final EIR does not mitigate for any of these lighting impacts, as the *Suggested Practices for Raptor Protection on Power Lines* only addresses recommendations for tower designs to prevent large bird electrocutions (i.e. when landing on lines or conductors). In the absence of appropriate and feasible mitigation, this impact should be considered significant and unavoidable.

The Habitat Authority agrees with the recommendation that SCE consult with the FAA to request to use only flashing, not steady burning, red lights on transmission structures.

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<sup>1</sup> Erickson, W.P., G.D. Johnson and D.P. Young. 2005. A Summary and Comparison of Bird Mortality from Anthropogenic Causes with an Emphasis on Collisions. USDA Forest Service General Technical Report PSW-GTR-191.

<sup>2</sup> See previous footnote.

<sup>3</sup> Gehring, J., P. Kerlinger, and A.M. Manville. 2009. Communication towers, lights, and birds: successful methods of reducing the frequency of avian collisions. *Ecological Applications*, 19(2), pp. 505-514.

However, we disagree with any notion that any lights be placed on towers lower than 200 feet.

Based on the above information, the Habitat Authority requests that SCE consult with the FAA on all towers on Habitat Authority land (expected to be at least three towers in the Powder Canyon area) and determine if aviation lighting has to occur, that only flashing red lights are used on those towers over 200 feet tall as required by the FAA to reduce those potential impacts. The PMR indicates that, where appropriate, SCE may install dual lights at each location for redundancy. The Habitat Authority also recommends that any redundant lights proposed be removed from the Plan to reduce impacts to wildlife. Mitigation should be explored and include an impact/mortality study for birds and bats at aviation lighted towers as well as a donation to local wildlife rehabilitation centers that rehabilitate birds including raptors.





# Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



Richard J. Bruckner  
Director

October 24, 2012

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Dear Mr. Boccio

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR EIR/EIS  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUPPLEMENTAL EDISON  
TEHACHAPI RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

The Department of Regional Planning (DRP) submitted written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (DEIR/S) regarding Southern California Edison's (Edison) proposed Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (Tehachapi Project) on April 6, 2009. On November 16, 2009 the DRP submitted comments on the Final Environmental Impact Report/Statement (FEIR/S). Additional comments were submitted by the DRP regarding the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement on May 20, 2010 which had been prepared to address changed circumstances created by the Station Fire. The comments related to potential negative environmental impacts the project may create for residents and properties located within the unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County in proximity to the existing and proposed Edison right-of-way designated to accommodate the project. The DEIR/S, the FEIR/S and SDEIR/S were joint Federal and state environmental documents prepared for review by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) as the Lead Agency under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

The second SDEIR/S will evaluate potential environmental impacts generated by implementation of Federal Aviation Administration-required marker balls on approximately 276 previously approved transmission line spans and the installation of aviation lights on approximately 90 previously approved transmission structures within the existing 173-mile long Edison right-of-way for the Tehachapi Project. The DRP requests that the second SDEIR/S:

- Identify the precise locations of all marker balls and aviation lights proposed to be installed on the Edison transmission facilities within the Unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County.

**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
TEHACHAPI RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION PROJECT  
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- Evaluate the visual impacts of marker balls and proposed aviation lights upon existing residences within the region.
- Specifically address safety concerns that relate to the use of Los Angeles County helicopters deployed by both the County Fire and Sheriff's Departments. It should be noted that these aviation assets are deployed day and night in all types of weather conditions.
- Discuss potential biotic impacts. Specifically address the findings of two articles published regarding the impacts of tower light disorientation on birds. The references for tower light disorientation of birds are:
  - Eaton, Joe. 2003. Tower Kill. Earth Island Journal website.  
[http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/eij/article/tower\\_kill/](http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/eij/article/tower_kill/)
  - Johns, Robert. 2011. Massive Bird Kill at West Virginia Wind Farm Highlights National issue: Bird group says wind power can still be green, but only if Bird Smart Principles are implemented. American Bird Conservancy (ABC) website.  
<http://www.abcbirds.org/newsandreports/releases/111028.html>

We thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (213) 974-6461 or via e-mail at [pmccarthy@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:pmccarthy@planning.lacounty.gov), Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our offices are closed on Fridays.

Sincerely,  
Department of Regional Planning  
Richard J. Bruckner  
Director

  
Paul D. McCarthy, Supervising Regional Planner  
Impact Analysis Section

PMC:PMC:lm

C: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich (Norm Hickling)  
C: Chief Executive Officer, William T Fujioka (Jason Tajima)





COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

*"Parks Make Life Better!"*

Russ Guiney, Director

John Wicker, Chief Deputy Director

October 25, 2012

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Dear Mr. Boccio:

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR A  
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR THE TEHACHAPI RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION PROJECT  
PROPOSED BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON**

The document referenced above has been reviewed for potential impacts on facilities operated by this Department. In the following comments, all references to park facilities include trails.

**Visual Resources:** The Department concurs that the project will have impacts to visual resources. The project may degrade the visual quality within the parks and along trails. The project may also result in the degradation of the parks and trails views of the surrounding hills and mountains. Mitigation measures should include focusing lights toward the aviation traffic to avoid light spill to the ground and nearby areas.

**Air Quality:** The construction activities of the project may impact the County's park facilities and recreation services. Construction of the proposed project will result in temporary construction emissions associated with ground-based construction equipment and helicopter operations. Certain park patrons are vulnerable to the effects of air pollutants, including children, the elderly, and persons with pre-existing respiratory or cardiovascular illness, athletes and others who engage in frequent exercise. Mitigation measures should address minimizing construction vehicle and equipment emissions, minimizing idling time and scheduling construction during off peak times of park use which is generally weekdays from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



**Biological Resources:** The project may impact the biological resources in the following County operated facilities:

Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (WNRA)  
750 South Santa Anita Avenue  
South El Monte, CA 91733

Eaton Canyon Natural Area  
1750 North Altadena Drive  
Pasadena, CA, 91107

Marker balls provide increased visual awareness of the lines for wildlife ("*Wells Project 230 Kv Transmission Line Avian Protection Plan, 2009*") and constant lights are attractants that may cause disruption to night flyers. Red lights are thought to cause disruptions to magnetic cues used in bird migration ("*Avian Mortality at Communication Towers, 2000*"). Mitigation Measures should include spacing the marker balls no closer than 150 feet apart and using only white flashing/strobe type lighting. If lights are needed at the mid-level of tower it is preferred that these are also white flashing/strobe.

**Noise:** The project may have a substantial adverse impact on the County's park facilities and recreation services. The sound created by construction equipment and helicopters may disturb not only park patrons, but also wildlife in the parks and natural area. For example, noise generated by construction equipment, such as trucks and helicopters, will negatively impact the WNRA which offers the public opportunities for biking, bird watching, hiking, picnicking, and other recreational activities. Wildlife, including nesting birds, will especially be disturbed by construction noise. More than 40 California Department of Fish and Game listed birds utilize WNRA. In particular, the Federal and State Endangered Least Bell's Vireo nests each spring and summer at the Whittier Narrows Natural Area. Mitigation measures should include that the construction period will avoid critical lifecycles such as the nesting season for listed and sensitive species and that construction is scheduled during off peak use of the recreation facilities which is generally weekdays from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Recreation:** To minimize any construction related impact to recreation including Pathfinder Park located at 18150 East Pathfinder Road, Rowland Heights, CA 91748 and the other park facilities listed above, the following mitigation measures must be included in the SEIR:

- All construction activities, specifically those which generate construction traffic, noise or disturbances shall occur outside of high visitations days (weekends) and holidays. If there is an obstruction detour, and/or restrictions on park use are deemed necessary, SCE shall contact the Department no less than sixty (60) days prior to the onset of construction activities to coordinate park operations and



the proposed construction activities. As part of the coordination, SCE shall provide the Department with a complete description of construction activity, materials, equipment, method and vehicles to be used, examples of SCE temporary signage and best management practices to be implemented.

- Notify the public at-large of the pending construction activity no less than forty-five (45) days prior to commencing construction.

**Multi-Use Recreational Trails – (Equestrian, Hiking and Mountain Biking):** The installation of markers balls and aviation lights and the associated construction activities would temporarily impact the trail user experience on these County trails including but not limited to the following:

1. Altadena Crest Trail
2. Cheney Trail
3. Eaton Canyon Trail
4. Rio Hondo River Trail
5. Rowland Heights Loop Trail
6. San Gabriel River Trail
7. Rio Hondo River Trail
8. San Jose Creek Trail
9. Schabarum-Skyline Trail
10. Schabarum Skyline Extension Trail
11. Van Tassel Trail

These trails are located within +1,000 feet of the proposed project. The use of ground-based and helicopter construction activities may cause disturbances to hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, horses, and dogs on-leash during any and all construction related activities, due to the increase in noise levels, wind from a helicopter, dust, and visual disturbance. Advanced public notice of construction activities is required to minimize the startling or "spooking" of a horse or dog as well as to provide for overall public safety.

The Department strives to provide a safe and pleasant recreational experience to all trail users. The Department aims to avoid any unsafe situation such as the incident that occurred in August, 2012, near I-605 and Peck Road where metal plates from a SCE project construction staging area were placed across a County multi-use trail without any prior coordination with the Department or advance public notification. Therefore, prior to any and all construction related activities near or adjacent to an official County trail, SCE shall implement the following mitigation measures to avoid or minimize impacts to County trails and trail users:

- All construction activities, specifically those which generate construction traffic, noise or disturbances shall occur outside of high visitations days (weekends) and holidays. If temporary trail closure, obstruction detour, and/or restrictions are deemed necessary, SCE shall contact the Department no less than sixty (60) days prior to the onset of construction activities to coordinate multi-use trail operations and the proposed construction activities. As part of the coordination, SCE shall provide the Department with a complete description of construction activity, materials, equipment, method and vehicles to be used, examples of SCE temporary signage and best management practices to be implemented.
- Notify the public at-large of the pending construction activity no less than forty-five (45) days prior to commencing construction. Forty-five (45) days advance public notice is necessary since community trail groups plan monthly and annual trail rides and other trail related events. Adequate time is needed to notify the public of potential temporary trail closures, re-routes, obstructions, and/or restrictions.
- The form of public outreach shall be through several mediums such as local publications (print and online) and public signs within a one mile radius of trail access points or existing trails. Notices on the trail shall begin approximately two (2) miles north and south of the construction zone in both directions with intermediate signs every one half mile. Notice shall be sent to stakeholder groups for equestrians, mountain bikers, and hikers in the general area.

Thank you for including this Department in the environmental review process. If you have any questions, please contact Kathline King, Chief of Planning at (213) 351-5098 or [kking@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:kking@parks.lacounty.gov).

Sincerely,



Joan Rupert  
Section Head, Environmental Regulatory and Permitting

JR / Response to SCE Tehachapi SEIR

Enclosure: Existing County Trails for Tehachapi SEIR

c: Parks and Recreation (N. E. Garcia, K. King, M. Yamamoto, H. Sohm, R. Beltran, K. Conway, K. Bosell, J. Chien)





**County of Los Angeles | Department of Parks and Recreation**

Date: 10/25/12

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October 25, 2012

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LD-IGR  
SCH No. 2007081156

**Subject: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project proposed by Southern California Edison (SCH#2007081156)**

Dear Mr. Boccio:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Supplemental Environment Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement (SEIR/EIS) for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project proposed by Southern California Edison.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is the lead agency for the purposes of the California environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USDA-FS) is the lead agency for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). On June 29, 2007 Southern California Edison (SCE) submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) application A.07-06-031 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the construction and operation for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP or Project). The Forest Service issued a Record of Decision (ROD) approving the Special Use authorization for the Project on October 4, 2010.

Since that time SCE has completed final engineering on portions of the Approved Project, started construction and is currently undergoing consultation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the new transmission structures to be installed as part of the Approved Project. Although it is required by Mitigation Measure L-2b (Aircraft flight path and safety provisions and consultations), the scope of the FAA recommendations was not known prior to completion of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Final environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and could not be fully analyzed. Therefore, on October 17, 2011, SCE filed a Petition for Modification of Decision 09-12-044 to address the implementation of the FAA recommendation, including installation of marker balls on certain transmission line spans, installation of aviation lights on certain transmission structures, and engineering refinements to structures within Segment 8 between Chino Substation and Mira Loma Substation (NOTE: The CPUC has issued a construction stay for Segment 8A within the City of Chino Hills).



As the owner and operator of the State Highway System (SHS), Caltrans' main objective via its Local Development – Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program is to protect the mobility and operational safety of the SHS. To ensure a safe and efficient transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that may have an impact on state facilities and the multi-modal transportation network. Caltrans supports the use of SB 375/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) exemptions, and streamlining benefits of CEQA.

Caltrans, as a responsible agency under CEQA, and identified in 40 CFR 1508.15 and 40 CFR 1508.26 for NEPA purposes, has provided comments on the proposed project during several phases of the FAA recommendations.

- To Mr. Charles Adamsom, Project Manager, Southern California Edison on January 14, 2005.
- To Mr. Charles Adamson Project Manager, Southern California Edison on January 20, 2005.
- To Mr. John Boccio/Ms. Marian Kadota – California Public Utilities Commission/Angelos National Forest (ACPUC/ANF) – c/o Aspen Environmental Group on July 21, 2005.
- To Mr. Alis Clausen, Regional Manager for Public Affairs (SCE Antelope Service Center) on November 1, 2005.
- To Mr. John Boccio/George Farra – California Public Utilities Commission/Angelos National Forest – c/o Aspen environmental Group on October 1, 2007.
- To Mr. Charles C. Holloway – c/o Forest Service/BLM/Power Engineers, Inc. on April 30, 2008.
- To Mr. John Boccio/Justin Seastrand – California Public Utilities Commission/ USDA Forest Service (CPUC/USDA-FS) on March 16, 2009.

### ***General Concerns***

The lowering of structures around Chino Airport may impact State Route 83 which runs adjacent to the airport. SR 83 has a high percentage of truck traffic (13% or 3000 trucks a day) that needs adequate vertical clearance.

### ***Transportation Permits***

Caltrans requires a Transportation Permit for the transport of heavy construction equipment and/or materials to/from the project site, or any movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on the State Highway System. Caltrans recommends that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods. Further information on the permit application process is available on the following website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/permits/>

*District Specific Contacts*

For District 6 (Kern County) specific questions please contact Michael Navarro, LDR Program Coordinator, at (559) 445-5868, or at [michael\\_navarro@dot.ca.gov](mailto:michael_navarro@dot.ca.gov).

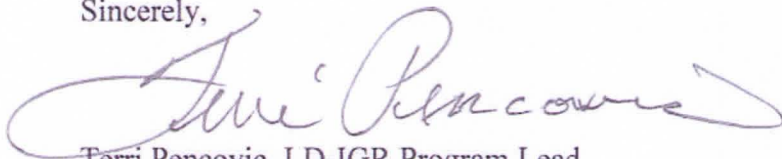
For District 7 (Los Angeles County) specific questions please contact Dianna Watson, LD-IGR Program Manager, at (213) 897-9140, or at [dianna\\_watson@dot.ca.gov](mailto:dianna_watson@dot.ca.gov).

For District 8 (San Bernadino/Riverside Counties) specific questions please contact Dan Kopulsky, Chief LD-IGR/Community Planning at (909) 383-4557 or at [dan\\_kopulsky@dot.ca.gov](mailto:dan_kopulsky@dot.ca.gov).

For District 12 (Orange County) specific questions please contact Chris Herre, Chief LD-IGR Branch, at (949) 724-2731, or at [chris\\_herre@dot.ca.gov](mailto:chris_herre@dot.ca.gov).

For questions regarding this comment letter please contact Bennie Lee, LD-IGR Statewide Coordinator, Office of Community Planning at (916) 651-8201, or at [bennie\\_lee@dot.ca.gov](mailto:bennie_lee@dot.ca.gov)

Sincerely,



Terri Pencovic, LD-IGR Program Lead  
Office of Community Planning

Cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearing house  
Michael Navarro, LDR Coordinator, Caltrans District 6  
Dianna Watson, LD-IGR Program Manager, Caltrans District 7  
Dan Kopulsky, Chief LD-IGR/Community Planning, Caltrans District 8  
Chris Herre, Chief LD-IGR Division, Caltrans District 12



Thank you for the opportunity to review the NOP for the Supplemental EIR. The project is for the construction, operations and upgrades transmission infrastructure in Kern County and Los Angeles County. .

The following is County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works comment and is for your consideration and relate to the environmental document only:

1. Applicable permits and plans will be required for any encroachment/impacts into road or flood control easements within the County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

If you have any questions, please email me or call me.

Ruben Cruz, P.E.  
County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Works  
Land Development Division  
(626) 458-4910  
[rcruz@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:rcruz@dpw.lacounty.gov)

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**From:** Hsiao-Ching Chen [<mailto:hchen@planning.lacounty.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2012 4:25 PM  
**To:** Miyoshi, Lester H.; Yang, James; Ibrahim, Amir  
**Subject:** RE: NOP - Supplemental EIR - Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

Here is the correct email address [trttsuppeir-eis@aspeneg.com](mailto:trttsuppeir-eis@aspeneg.com)

Sincerely,

Hsiao-Ching

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**From:** Hsiao-Ching Chen  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2012 4:20 PM  
**To:** 'Miyoshi, Lester H.'; 'James Yang'; 'AIBRAHIM@dpw.lacounty.gov'  
**Cc:** Jason Tajima  
**Subject:** RE: NOP - Supplemental EIR - Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project  
**Importance:** High

Dear Sheriff and Public Works:

Now it is after 4 pm. I apologize for not being able to wait any longer to transmit your comments along with other County Departments' that I have already received.

The deadline to comment, according to the NOP, is today. Please send your letters directly to the contact person Mr. Boccio at [trttsuppeir-eis@gaspeneg.com](mailto:trttsuppeir-eis@gaspeneg.com) as stated in the NOP.

Sincerely,

Hsiao-Ching

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**From:** Miyoshi, Lester H. [<mailto:Lhmiyosh@lasd.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2012 2:57 PM  
**To:** Irving, Michael C.  
**Cc:** Hsiao-Ching Chen  
**Subject:** RE: NOP - Supplemental EIR - Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

Lt. Irving-

I haven't received a copy of our signed cover letter yet, but I'll find out where it is, and will send it electronically to Hsiao-Ching with copy to you and Lt. Nelson.

Sorry for the delay.

Lester

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**From:** Irving, Michael C.  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2012 2:49 PM  
**To:** Miyoshi, Lester H.  
**Cc:** Chen, Hsiao-Ching ([hchen@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:hchen@planning.lacounty.gov))  
**Subject:** RE: NOP - Supplemental EIR - Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

Lester,

I leave the office today at 1500 hours and since I have not yet received your letter for Public Works, please email a scanned copy directly to Hsiao-Ching at [hchen@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:hchen@planning.lacounty.gov) and cc a copy to me and Lieutenant Pat Nelson of Lancaster Station. Thanks.

**Lieutenant Michael Irving**  
Contract Law Enforcement Bureau  
Unincorporated Area Liaison  
323-526-5743 - Office  
562-972-7400 - Cell

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**From:** Miyoshi, Lester H.  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2012 8:09 AM  
**To:** Irving, Michael C.  
**Subject:** RE: NOP - Supplemental EIR - Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

Will do.

Thank you sir.

LM

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**From:** Irving, Michael C.  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2012 8:06 AM  
**To:** Miyoshi, Lester H.  
**Subject:** RE: NOP - Supplemental EIR - Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

Thanks Lester. You can mail the original directly to Regional Planning. I will forward them a copy of the scanned version you send me today and advise them that the original is in the mail. Thanks.

Michael

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**From:** Miyoshi, Lester H.  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2012 8:00 AM  
**To:** Irving, Michael C.; Tse, Gary; Lancaster Operations



**Subject:** RE: NOP - Supplemental EIR - Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

Lt. Irving-

Since the project includes transmission towers and lines, we asked Aero Bureau to review the project documents for potential impacts to their flight operations. Aero reviewed the project and considers it a potential hazard to their flight crews. They would like SCE/PUC to provide detailed drawings and information about each tower as it is being built so that flight crews can be made aware of their exact size and location. We're preparing a cover letter for Aero's review comments. The letter is addressed to the Dept. of Regional Planning, but is being sent directly to you. When it's ready to be released, I'll scan it and send it to you electronically.

Lester

**Lester H. Miyoshi**

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**From:** Irving, Michael C.

**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2012 7:43 AM

**To:** Miyoshi, Lester H.; Tse, Gary; Lancaster Operations

**Subject:** FW: NOP - Supplemental EIR - Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

**Importance:** High

I'm following up on the original email I sent you on October 2, 2012. The deadline to submit comments for the attached NOP is today at 1200 hours. Please forward me your comments or reply back with "No Comment" if you have no remarks regarding the project. Thanks.

**Lieutenant Michael Irving**

Contract Law Enforcement Bureau  
Unincorporated Area Liaison  
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**From:** Irving, Michael C.

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 02, 2012 9:31 AM

**To:** Miyoshi, Lester H.; Tse, Gary; Lancaster Operations

**Subject:** FW: NOP - Supplemental EIR - Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

**Importance:** High

Please review and comment on the attached Notice of Preparation – Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project. Comments are due by 1200 hours on October 25, 2012. In the event you do not have any comments, please send me a reply indicating, "No comment." Thanks.

**Lieutenant Michael Irving**



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**From:** Hsiao-Ching Chen [<mailto:hchen@planning.lacounty.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2012 4:22 PM  
**To:** James Yang; Irving, Michael C.; Debbie Aguirre ([daguirre@fire.lacounty.gov](mailto:daguirre@fire.lacounty.gov)); Parks & Recreation - Chief Deputy; [pjocas@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:pjocas@ph.lacounty.gov); [vecastillo@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:vecastillo@parks.lacounty.gov); [gamorrison@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:gamorrison@ph.lacounty.gov); [Kien.Chin@fire.lacounty.gov](mailto:Kien.Chin@fire.lacounty.gov)  
**Cc:** Joan Rupert; Mitch Glaser; Paul Mc Carthy; Jason Tajima  
**Subject:** NOP - Supplemental EIR - Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project  
**Importance:** High

Hi,

SD5 and CEO are asking County departments (DRP, DPW, Sheriff, Parks, PH, and Fire) to review this NOP and provide comments. SD5 expressed concerns because this project is highly controversial in Antelope Valley.

The deadline to submit NOP comments is October 25, 2012. Please provide your comments in your department's letterhead including appropriate signature to me **by noon on October 25, 2012**. Please also let me know if your department don't have comments so that I can keep track.

Thank you very much for your effort.

Sincerely,

Hsiao-Ching

Mr. Boccio-

The NOP and Supplemental EIR/EIS for SCE's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (Project) was reviewed by the LA County Sheriff's Department (Department).

The Department is the primary public agency that conducts low-level flights throughout the region, including the proposed Project site that is within or near LA County. Flight crews from the Department's Aero Bureau are trained to know the locations of all potential flight hazards, including transmission towers and lines. Since the proposed Project includes new or re-configured transmission towers or lines, it represents a potential hazard to the Department's flight operations (see attached correspondence, dated October 12, 2012, from Aero Bureau Captain Louis Duran).

As such, the Department requests detailed information of the proposed Project's towers and lines, including precise locations, configurations, and above-ground heights. These information should be provided to the following persons when construction/installation begins on each tower:

Gary T.K. Tse, Director  
Facilities Planning Bureau  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
1000 S. Fremont Avenue, Unit 47  
Building A9-East, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Alhambra, California 91803

Louis Duran, Captain  
Aero Bureau  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
3235 Lakewood Boulevard  
Long Beach, California 90808

The Department has no further comments at this time, but reserves the right to further address this matter in subsequent reviews of the proposed Project. Thank you for including the Department in the environmental review process for the proposed Project. Please feel free to contact me at the number below if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

**Lester H. Miyoshi**

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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
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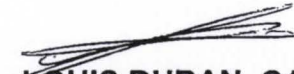
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FROM:  **LOUIS DURAN, CAPTAIN**  
**AERO BUREAU**

TO: **GARY T. K. TSE, DIRECTOR**  
**FACILITIES PLANNING**

SUBJECT: **TEHACHAPI RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project. The Sheriff's Aero Bureau supports this project, and realizes the importance of providing reliable energy to the citizens of Los Angeles and surrounding counties.

Sheriff's Department aviators are trained to operate in the high tension wire environment. The areas we fly in have numerous power lines and associated towers of this type. The flight crews are trained to know where these towers are, and at what safe altitude to cross them, as they are unlighted and completely invisible at night.

Since the addition of some of these towers will be in new locations, we request that starting at the first month of construction, a detailed map indicating where the new power lines have been installed, and tower height above the ground, be sent monthly to the Sheriff's Department's Aero Bureau Flight Operations. These maps will be used to train and familiarize all flight crews regarding the location of these new flight hazards.

Although the Sheriff's Department is the primary agency conducting low level flights in the areas indicated for this project, we will share the information with other agencies and operators as needed.

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## CITY of CHINO

October 25, 2012

John Boccio, Project Manager  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Aspen Environmental Group  
5020 Chesebro Road, Suite 200  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

RE: Notice of Preparation for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP) Proposed by Southern California Edison (SCH No. 2007081156)

Dear Mr. Boccio:


Thank you for providing the City of Chino an opportunity to review and comment on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.

The City of Chino continues to take the position that the impacts of the TRTP, specifically within the City are significant, and in some cases worse than in the neighboring City of Chino Hills. We also continue to ask California Public Utilities Commission to examine the impacts of the project to Chino, and to apply the same relief that is sought by the City of Chino Hills. That being said, based upon the proposed scope of the SEIR, during its preparation aesthetic impacts to the City of Chino should be taken into consideration. The SEIR should carefully analyze the aesthetic impacts from the marker balls and aviation lights proposed on the transmission towers throughout the City of Chino.

Thank you again for providing the City of Chino the opportunity to review the NOP for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (909) 591-9865

Sincerely,

  
Nicholas S. Ligueri  
Principal Planner, AICP

cc: Community Development Department File







City of  
**Chino Hills**

October 31, 2012

MAILED VIA CERTIFIED/REGISTERED MAIL

John Boccio, Project Manager  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Aspen Environmental Group  
5020 Chesebro Road, Suite 200  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Re: SCH No. 2007081156  
Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a Supplemental Environmental Impact  
Report/Statement (SEIR/SEIS) for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission  
Project

Dear Mr. Boccio:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above referenced NOP for the implementation of FAA recommendations relative to the transmission structures, notably the installation of marker balls and aviation lights. As noted in the NOP, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has issued a construction stay for Segment 8A within the City of Chino Hills. Accordingly, the NOP states that the SEIR/SEIS will not address Segment 8A undergrounding options.

Segment 8A undergrounding options have been thoroughly examined as part of the Final EIR/EIS for Application No. A.07-06-031. Subsequent refinements to the Segment 8A undergrounding options are expected to reduce or eliminate environmental impacts identified in the Final EIR/EIS, or at a minimum result in no new significant adverse impacts. Should a subsequent refined undergrounding alternative for Segment 8A proceed, all potentially significant adverse impacts associated with that alternative are expected to have been addressed in the Final EIR/EIS, eliminating the need for a supplemental or subsequent environmental review.


Conversely, should the Alternative 2 version of the project proceed through Segment 8A, supplemental environmental review will be required to address the new potentially significant impacts of placing markers and aviation lights on the transmission structures in or adjacent to Chino Hills residential neighborhoods. These potential significant impacts include noise and air quality impacts associated with both ground-based and helicopter operations, visual impacts to the community, and impacts to community

October 31, 2012

values. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 1002, consideration must be given to the potential impacts on community values, recreational and park areas, historical and aesthetic values, and influence on environment.

Please feel free to contact me at (909) 364-2611 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Fleager  
City Manager

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